

# The Watchman and Southern.

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The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1860 and the *True Southern* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southern* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Subscribers are requested to examine the label on their papers, which show the date to which the subscription has been paid. Those who find that they are in arrears are requested to call and settle or remit at the earliest convenient date. The amount that each subscriber owes is small, but in the aggregate the amount due us for subscription is quite large—and we need the money.

The jury in the Standard Oil case failed to agree. We do not want to cast any reflection on the men composing that jury, but isn't it strange how the big, moneyed concerns get off with an acquittal or a mistrial?

Prof. Watson, of Chicago, is studying monkeys, and says that he believes they reason. The natural monkeys may reason, but how about the monkeys we see around us every day, who are supposed to be human beings?

E. H. Harriman found he had "bumped in" at the wrong place the other day when he was arrested for violating the rules of a boat race. It does the ordinary mortal good when he sees the "money kings" called down. That was one time when money could not "talk."

All South Carolina should feel proud of the showing this State has made at the Jamestown exposition. It has done much to advertise the State, and such advertising counts for a whole lot at this time. We may have been backward in the past in some respects, but we are certainly forging ahead today, and let's keep it up.

A Tennessee man was given a verdict of \$7,800 against a telephone company the other day because the defendant company failed to put a phone in his residence for seventy-eight days after he ordered it. In that State, the companies are liable for damages of \$100 per day for failure to put in phones. If this law was in operation in South Carolina, we are afraid that some of the companies would go bankrupt paying these fines.

From the reports coming from the Jamestown show as to the rates of living there in the boarding houses and the hotels, it looks like the affair will be patronized by the wealthy only. The crowd must be very small or the "graffers" there are just simply getting in their work because they think the visitors are out for a good time regardless of cost. There can be no doubt but that the reports that have been spread abroad will seriously affect the attendance, which is to be regretted.

A Charleston paper says that the bankers' convention at the Isle of Palms was held in a most convenient place, as the island is outside of the three-mile limit and therefore outside of the jurisdiction of South Carolina and Charleston. Maybe this account is for the fact that so many conventions are held there, but we don't see why it should be necessary to go three miles from Charleston. Why wouldn't any part of the city do as well, if the delegates wanted to get outside of the range of the dispensary law?

An average cotton crop and fair prices mean prosperity for Sumter county this fall, while a short crop spells hard times, for last year's crop failure left a burden of unpaid debts on farmers and merchants that has been hard to carry.

Senator Latimer's letters from Europe are not strikingly interesting, nor are they markedly instructive, but they will serve their purpose, provided the newspapers continue publishing them. They will keep the junior senator before the public and serve as a gentle reminder that he is seeking re-election.

The two-cent fare went into effect on all railroads in Illinois July 1st. This change was brought about by the enactment of a rate law by the State legislature and affects only intra-State rates, while the old rates will remain in force on inter-State passenger traffic. Similar laws will become effective in quite a number of

other States in the near future, and if the results are satisfactory after trial, it probable that practically all other States will follow suit.

Some of our baseball devotees are of the opinion that the baseball team is the biggest and best advertisement the town of Sumter has had in several years. In our opinion, this view is a mistaken one—that by long odds the best and most substantial advertisement Sumter, city and county, has ever had is the new court house. The new court house is an achievement that stands for the best and most substantial in the community and is so regarded by thinking men everywhere; and by such achievements the character of the community is gauged. On the other hand the baseball team and the success that has attended its playing this season has given the community a large degree of beneficial notoriety, of an ephemeral character. We do not underestimate the importance of baseball as the national game, for it is the cleanest, most healthful and deservedly the most popular sport we have, but we should not let our enthusiasm over the success and popularity of the State League and our pride in the winning team that represents Sumter blind us to more important things or to cause us to magnify a mere pastime until it assumes undue proportions in the life of the community.

The good roads movement inaugurated by the Sumter Chamber of Commerce is the most important measure bearing upon the future business prosperity of this city and county, which has been started in many years. It therefore behooves the business men of Sumter, and the delegates invited from the various townships in Sumter County, to attend the meeting to be held in this city, for the purpose of discussing and formulating plans for a comprehensive systematic and business-like method of road improvement all over Sumter County.

Press dispatches sent out from Norfolk announce the fact that a senatorial boom was launched for Maj. J. C. Hemphill, editor of the News and Courier, at the Jamestown exposition on South Carolina Day. The dispatches say that Mr. T. R. Waring, editor of the Charleston Post, is chief custodian of the boomlet, and it is presumed he will keep it safely housed where it cannot be molested by the Latimer cohorts. But what we would really like to know, is the boom a joke on Maj. Hemphill, or only a patriotic outbreak of State pride, resulting from the festivities of South Carolina Day?

The bucket shops are all out of business in South Carolina, the anti-bucket shop law being effective July 1st. It is a good law and will save the people of the State hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. Many men will, of course, continue to gamble on cotton as long as the New York cotton exchange continues in business, but these confirmed cotton future gamblers did not constitute one per cent. of the number who have patronized the local bucket shops. By the abolition of the bucket shops the temptation to gamble on futures has been removed and hundreds of men who have been, each fall, inveigled into taking a flyer by the stories of large and quick winnings, industriously circulated by the bucket shop people, will never think of sending all the way to New York to make a bet on what cotton will do.

## BISHOP CAPERS

We regret to learn of Bishop Capers' critical illness. He is well on in years, and the worst may be feared; but strong is the hope that his noble life may be spared a while longer.

His war record was a brilliant one, but we prefer to think of him as a good shepherd in the pastures of peace, leading his flock beside the still waters. His victories here far outshine those on the red field of battle, because they are the victories of love, the victories that count more for human welfare and progress than all others taken together. Long after the deeds of his vigorous young manhood have become a dim memory, his career as the good and gentle bishop, loving and faithful, wise in counsel and patient under difficulties, will stand out more clearly, and be remembered by those who only knew him to love him.—Columbia Record.

The above beautiful sentiment well expresses the thoughts of thousands of the citizens of South Carolina today, for Bishop Capers has endeared himself to persons of all denominations by his work and his daily walk in life. May he be spared for still more usefulness and may his example ever shine before us as a lamp to the path of life.

## BISHOP CAPERS' CONDITION.

No Change Noted in the Bishop's Condition at Last Report.

Greenville, July 1.—Mr. F. F. Capers at 4 o'clock this afternoon received the following message from his brother, which is the latest news received here up to 1.30 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning:

"Father's condition indicates no change either way."

## A COMING MARRIAGE.

Miss Luta Bewley to Marry Mr. Klutz, of New York, in the Fall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bewley, of Union, S. C., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Luta Catherine, to Sam Walkup Klutz, of New York city, the wedding to take place this fall.

## WRECK NEAR DARLINGTON.

Train Derailed and Left Hanging on Trestle.

Darlington, June 30.—Passenger train No. 76, in charge of Engineer J. H. Webber and Conductor E. J. Jeffords, with 20 passengers aboard, from Florence to Hartsville, was wrecked on the trestle which spans the creek below McCown's mill, about three miles from Darlington, this morning at 20 minutes past 10 o'clock.

The train of two coaches, combination baggage and colored car and the car for whites, left Darlington on time and was running at good speed when, about 400 yards from the trestle, the tender jumped the track. The airbrakes were disconnected and the engineer was powerless to slacken his speed. On rushed the train to what seemed inevitable destruction until the trestle was reached. Only the wheels of the tender were off the rails. The cross-ties were badly torn up, but the rails remained intact. When on the trestle, which is about 200 feet long and 25 feet high, the displacement of the ties caused the rails to spread, the tender broke loose from the engine when about two thirds across and plunged to the ground. One of the five benches in the middle of the bridge was knocked from position, leaving a gap in the frame work of about 50 feet.—The State.

Dispatches from the Jamestown exposition say that the Second Regiment from South Carolina made a fine showing Friday and caused much favorable comment. The band from this city took a prominent part in the exercises and delighted everyone with its excellent music.

## CHILD'S LIFE CRUSHED OUT.

A Sad Accident at Catholic Mission Home at Florence.

Florence, July 1.—Little Luke Jones, a four-year-old orphan child, at St. Anthony's Catholic Mission Home in this city, had his life crushed out early this morning while playing in the yard surrounding the home. The workmen engaged in making repairs to the Mission Home had placed a large, heavy piece of timber on top of two empty lime barrels until they could remove it to its place in the building.

Little Luke was playing about the yard under the supervision of an attendant. The attendant had just left the child for a moment, when it attempted to climb upon the barrels on which rested the timber. Just as the child attempted to lift himself the barrels careened and the timber slipped from its position and fell upon and mashed the life out of the little fellow. He was struck in the head and when picked up the timber was resting across his chest.

The child was brought here from Long Island, N. Y. The mother, before her death in a hospital there, gave it to Father Wood to care for, and it was brought to Florence and placed in the Mission Home. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at St. Anthony's Church.—News and Courier.

## ICE MEN'S STRIKE BROKEN.

Two-Thirds of the Men Return to Work and Company Promised to Give Places Back.

New York, July 2.—The New York ice men's strike is broken. Officials of the American Ice Company met the committee of strikers today and pointed out that they had enough strike breakers to man the wagons and sufficient police protection to insure deliveries. The company promised to give the strikers their old places back if they returned to work immediately. The strike is not officially declared off, but two-thirds of the men have returned to work.

The city council of Union has granted a perpetual franchise to the Public Service Corporation of South Carolina.

The teachers at their session at Chick Springs elected Col. John J. Egan a delegate to the peace conference.

Jim Epps was convicted of manslaughter in the court of general sessions of Cherokee county. He killed his wife last December.

The city council of Columbia has passed an ordinance requiring property owners to make sewerage connections.

Alva W. Jackson, a young business man of Aiken, and superintendent of the sewerage department of Aiken, has been arrested on the charge of stealing brass fixtures from the town of Aiken.

## COURT CONVENED MONDAY.

Judge Memminger on the Bench—The Docket is Very Light.

The summer term of the Court of General Sessions convened last Monday at 10 o'clock, Judge Memminger presiding. This is the first appearance of Judge Memminger here, and he appears to have made a very favorable impression. In the absence of Solicitor Wilson, S. O. O'Bryan, Esq., acted in that capacity. Court Stenographer Woods was in his usual place.

After a number of witnesses had been sworn to appear before the grand jury, Judge Memminger delivered his charge to the grand jury. He made a very plain and concise charge which was, also, very brief. The judge said there was no need for an extensive charge, as the matters before the jury had been considerably simplified now. He instructed the jury as to what constituted a working number among them and as to the finding of "true bills" and "no bills." He referred to the other matters that come before the jury, the investigating of county affairs, &c. Judge Memminger has a very clear voice and speaks with decision which win him close attention and make his charge and decisions very forcible. He mentioned the fact that the docket was light and that as it was the summer term, the business of the court would be confined to matters of the greatest importance.

The first case called was that of the State vs. Isaac Simonds, colored, charged with disposing of property under lien. L. D. Jennings represented the defendant, and Messrs. Clifton and O'Brien, the State. The case had not been closed when court adjourned for dinner at 1.30.

The following true bills were returned by the grand jury:

State vs. John and Joseph Ferguson, colored charged with arson.

State vs. Joseph and Plumer Dennis and Daniel Hale, colored, charged with riot, and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, and ill-treatment.

State vs. Daniel Hule, colored, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill.

These were the only indictments given the grand jury Monday morning.

When the Court of General Sessions convened Monday afternoon, the case of the State vs. Isaac Simonds, colored, charged with disposing of property under lien, was resumed. The jury in this case brought in a verdict of guilty after a few minutes deliberation. The defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve six months on the chain gang.

Archie Boyd, colored, charged with the stealing of a bicycle, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three years on the chain gang. Court then adjourned for the day.

Court was occupied Tuesday morning with the case of the State vs. Joseph and Plumer Dennis and Daniel Hale, colored charged with riot and assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature and ill-treatment. L. D. Jennings is representing the State and E. D. Moise, Esq., the defense. The testimony was all taken and the arguments made by the attorneys in the morning before court adjourned for dinner. Judge Memminger charged the jury when court convened this afternoon.

The grand jury was discharged yesterday morning.

When court reconvened yesterday afternoon, Judge Memminger charged the jury in the case against Joseph and Plumer Dennis and Daniel Hale, charged with riot, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, and ill-treatment. The jury returned a verdict of guilty as to riot.

The next case called was the State vs. Joe Green, colored, charged with arson. L. D. Jennings represented the defense and Marion Moise, Esq., the prosecution. All of the testimony was in when court adjourned for the day.

When court convened this morning, arguments were made in the Joe Green case and the case went to the jury about 11 o'clock. This was the last jury case tried at this term of court.

## GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.

To His Honor, R. W. Memminger, Presiding Judge.

We, the Grand Jury for Sumter county, beg to make this our second presentment.

We have examined into and returned all bills given us by the acting solicitor. We have, through our various committees, visited the several county offices, changing, alms house, jail and dispensaries, and find them all in splendid and satisfactory condition. We would recommend that wire screens be placed at jail, in windows and doors, to keep out flies and mosquitoes, which are very bad through the summer months, and are liable to cause sickness. We recommend that a telephone be placed in the jail for the use of the jailor. We find in jail two prisoners, namely, Spivens, a white man, and McCoomer, a colored man, held for murder. These prisoners were tried at the October, 1906, term of court and convicted of murder with recommendation to mercy. They asked for a new trial, which was not granted. They then appealed to the supreme court and since that time have been in jail, and we are informed that the case has never been put in proper shape before the supreme court, so as to be heard by that body. This is largely due to the long illness of our worthy solicitor, and now, since he has been selected Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit to succeed Judge R. O. Purdy,

resigned, and as his successor will soon be appointed, we beg that the court issue instructions, that the solicitor appointed, take up immediately the case of these two persons and use every diligence in having their case pushed to a final hearing before the supreme court or move that the appeal be dismissed, in order that justice be done them and the county relieved of their case.

We beg to return herewith report of the County Board of Commissioners for Sumter County for the fiscal year 1906, with the comment that we think it is a very creditable showing of the county's finances and the business-like manner in which same has been conducted.

We desire to extend our thanks to His Honor, the Presiding Judge, the acting Solicitor, and all other officers of the court for courtesies shown us during the term.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. L. Wright,  
Foreman.

Cotton Weighers Elected for Sumter and Mayesville—Other Matters.

The County Board of Commissioners were in session for several hours yesterday and transacted much business of a routine nature.

An appropriation of \$300 was made for the celebration of the unveiling of the Gen. Sumter monument at Stateburg. A committee from the Chamber of Commerce, consisting of Marion Moise, Esq., and Mr. Neill O'Donnell, went before the board and asked for the appropriation, which was granted.

Cotton weighers were elected for the city of Sumter and the town of Mayesville. There were a number of applicants for all of the places. Mr. J. Frierson Reid having been recommended by the City Council for one of the positions in the city, was unanimously chosen by the board. Mr. A. C. Thompson was elected to fill the other place. For the position at Mayesville, Mr. W. S. Chandler was elected.

Street Superintendent White has his force at work trimming trees and removing grass from some of the side streets.

Work on the Atlantic Coast Line passenger station was commenced on Monday. A large part of the brick and other materials to be used in the enlargement of the station are on the ground and the station should be rebuilt in a short time.

Ladies, I want you to examine my pretty, stylish and up-to-date hats, before buying. In the rear of Wells' Dry Goods Store, 14 S. Main Street. Yours to please, Miss S. A. Murray.

6-26-2t\*\*

## Estate of Joseph C. Caldwell, DECEASED.

ALL persons having claims against aforesaid Estate, will present the same duly attested; and all persons in any way indebted to said Estate will make immediate payment to

DAVID W. CUTTINO,  
Administrator,  
Sumter, S. C.

6-10-4t

## CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Scholarship and Entrance Examination to Freshman Class

The examination for the award of scholarships from Sumter County and ADMISSION TO FRESHMAN CLASS will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 5, at 9 a. m. Applicants for scholarships may secure blank application forms from the county Superintendent of Education. These blanks must be filled out properly and filed with the county Superintendent before the beginning of the examination. Those taking the examination for entrance to the Freshman class and not trying for a scholarship should file their application with President Mell. The scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. One scholarship student from each county may select the Textile course, others must take one of the Agricultural courses. Examination paper will be furnished, but each applicant should provide himself with scratch paper. The number of scholarships to be awarded will be announced later.

P. H. MELL, President.

5-15-3t Clemson College, S. C.

## WINTHROP COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AND ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

The examination for the award of vacant Scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 5, at 9 a. m. Applicants must be not less than fifteen years of age. When Scholarships are vacated after July 5, they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for Scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for Scholarship examination blanks.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 18, 1907. For further information and catalogue, address

Pres. D. B. JOHNSON,

5-8-7-3 Rock Hill, S. C.

## COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOL.

The County Board of Education has decided to have a four weeks' Summer School for Sumter county beginning July 5. A county school is especially desirable this year as there will be no State School. Primary Methods, English and Mathematics will be taught. No allowance to assist the teachers to attend can be given this year. Everything will be done to make the four weeks' session profitable.

By order of

H. G. OSTEN and  
S. D. CAIN,

County Board of Education.

6-5-5t

# SPECIAL OFFERINGS

## OF HOT WEATHER FABRICS.

The cool days of June have passed and in the language of our farming friends we are having Cotton Growing Weather. It is human nature to wait until the weather or some other circumstance forces us to buy what we need, and our stock has suffered slightly from the effects of the weather, but now

## We Want to Make Hay While the Sun Shines

and with that object in view, offer Special Values in every department.

## Shirt Waists at Cost.

The ladies are getting so very industrious that they are making their own waists and the ready-to-wear garment is dragging. At least that is our experience, but we are going to make our loss, and let them go. There is not an old garment in stock, all this season's goods. Pick them out while they last at ACTUAL COST.

## Ladies' Under Vests.

We have just received a case of these that was due to arrive in March. They are fifteen cent values, but not wishing to take the chances of carrying them into next season we will sell them at eight and one-third cents.

## Linen Lap Robes.

An excellent line to select from and a deep cut in prices.

## White Goods.

An excellent assortment here to select from, and the special price at which they are offered will compel them to find a resting place elsewhere. See the India Linon we are offering at Seven cents. If you saw it elsewhere at Ten cents you would think it cheap enough.

## Wash Fabrics.

You will not find a more complete line of these anywhere than here, and the special prices at which they are marked will make them unusually attractive. See the Batiste we are selling at Five cents a yard. It cannot be bought today to sell for less than 10c.

## Summer Silks.

All Fifty cents Summer silks at  
35 Cents.

This is cutting pretty deep.

## Thirty-Six inch Colored Taffetas.

\$1.25 Values at 75c.

This ought to be an attractive proposition. If you don't need it now it will pay you to buy it and keep it until Fall.

## Miles of Embroideries.

Still to select from, and while there is no need of cutting the price still they go on the general slaughter.

## White Parasols \$1.25

What is left of them \$2.00 values at

Val Laces

Great Values

At 10-15-25 and 50 cents per dozen.

BATH RUGS  
at 60 cents.

Extra Special Values in

Ladies' Washable Belts, Neckwear, etc.

# O'Donnell & Company.